

January 18, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 18, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kalk and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of January 4, 2017 be approved.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-22
Goldmark Commercial Real Estate,
Inc.
Auction Clerk
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auction clerk license application for Goldmark Commercial Real Estate, Inc., Fargo, North Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-14
Otter Tail Power Company
2016 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$7,260.03 in Otter Tail Power Company, 2016 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor, Rates, Case No. PU-16-14.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-644
Northern States Power Company
230 kV Transmission Line –
Ward & McHenry Counties
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,880.51 in Northern States Power Company, 230 kV Transmission Line – Ward & McHenry Counties, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-16-644.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-18
Northern States Power Company
Cogeneration - Small Power
Production
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's annual update of cogeneration and small power production rate schedules in Northern States Power Company, Cogeneration – Small Power Production, Rates, Case No. PU-17-18.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-756
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
Dakota Access, LLC
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Dakota Access, LLC, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-16-756.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-776
Northern States Power Company
Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission grant Northern States Power Company's request to withdraw its July 28, 2016 Motion to Amend the Commission's December 31, 2008 Order in Northern States Power Company, Electric Rate Increase, Case No. PU-07-776.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-582
Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC
Corridor Certificate 177 /
Route Permit 189
Compliance

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC, Corridor Certificate 177 / Route Permit 189, Compliance, Case No. PU-16-582.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-614
Epping Transmission Company, LLC
12.75-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline -
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract with Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc. for construction inspection services in Epping Transmission Company, LLC, 12.75-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-614.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-15-55
Maintenance
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-720-15 with Ross Smith, dba Earthworm Excavating, for completion of sinkhole filling and other emergency and maintenance work at abandoned coal mines in western North Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-17-17
2017-2020 AML Simplified Grant
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the Wilton Phase 3, Columbus Phase 16, 2017 Exploratory Drilling, and 2017 Sinkhole Filling projects for abandoned mine reclamation in 2017 and submit the 2017 - 2020 North Dakota Abandoned Mine Lands Simplified Grant Application to the Office of Surface Mining to request \$2,793,000 in federal funds.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-775
Public Utilities
Rulemaking

Case No. PU-17-23
Public Utilities - Wind
Decommissioning
Rulemaking

Case No. PU-16-687
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
(2017)
Rates

Case No. PU-17-16
Otter Tail Power Company
2017 Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Case No. PU-16-671
Antelope Hills Wind Pjct /
West Branch Wind Pjct
Transfer of Siting Certificates and
Permit
Siting Application

Case No. PU-16-614
Epping Transmission Company, LLC
12.75-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline -
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission propose the attached revisions to the North Dakota Administrative Code, issue a Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules and Notice of Public Hearing, and issue an abbreviated Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules and Notice of Public Hearing for publication in each official county newspaper throughout the state as required by law, in Public Service Commission, Public Utilities - Wind Decommissioning, Rulemaking, Case Nos. PU-16-775 and PU-17-23.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rates, Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2017), Rates, Case No. PU-16-687.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission suspend Otter Tail Power Company's rates and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, 2017 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor, Rates, Case No. PU-17-16.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Antelope Hills Wind Project, LLC / West Branch Wind Project, LLC, Transfer of Siting Certificates and Permit, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-671

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Epping Transmission Company, LLC, 12.75-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-614.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Case No. PU-16-771
Master Construction Co., Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective January 9, 2017, in Public Service Commission, Master Construction Co., Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-16-771.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - Environmental Engineer III

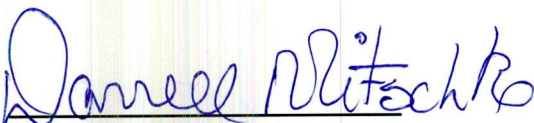
Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of Julie Prescott to fill Position No. 5019, Environmental Engineer III, effective January 16, 2017, under the terms specified in the January 4, 2017 written offer of employment.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:52 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN